

MINUTES
OREGON RACING COMMISSION
JUNE 16, 1995

The Oregon Racing Commission met on Friday, June 16, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. in the Arts and Crafts Building at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass, Oregon. Commissioners in attendance were as follows: Brad Higbee, Vice Chair; George Rankins and Laura Fine. Chair Stephen Walters and Richard Reid were excused. Prior to the start of the meeting Vice Chair Higbee thanked everyone for travelling to Grants Pass for the meeting. Agenda items were discussed in the following order with resulting actions:

1. Minutes of May 18, 1995

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve as submitted.
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

2. OTBA Oregon-bred Owner Bonus and Breeder Awards for the Portland Meadows 1994-95 Race Meet

Ursula Gibbons went through the material included in the request. Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve request.
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

3. Amendments to Lone Oak Racing 1995 Salem Race Meet Application

Original application had requested simulcast dates from July 26 through October 2. The ending date will now be October 1 in order to provide tote time to move the equipment to Portland Meadows. Brad Higbee requested that the off-track sites be firmed up.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve request to change ending simulcast date.
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

4. Race Dates Request from New Portland Meadows for 1995-96 Race Meet

Mike Dorough stated this upcoming season will be the 50th anniversary of Portland Meadows. They are requesting simulcast dates of October 4, 1995 through April 28, 1996, with live racing commencing on October 7, 1995 and continuing through April 28, 1996. While they are planning on having 82 days of live racing, Cliff Babbitt of the HBPA voiced his concern regarding the 11 dark days during the period from December 18, 1995 through January 5, 1996. Steve Barham recommended approval of the race dates.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve the request for race dates, subject to timely submission of an application for issuance of a race meet license, and approval of that application by the commission.
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

5. Oregon Greyhound Breeders Association 1995-96 Budget

Carol Bruno reviewed the budget request. Steve Barham recommended approval of the budget without including the \$47,000 from breakage of the Portland Meadows 1994-95 race meet.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve the budget with the revision cited by Steve Barham.
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

6. Letter from Autotote Regarding Movement of Tote System from Multnomah Greyhound Park to Portland Meadows

The subject matter of the letter was already handled in Item #3.

7. Grants Pass Race Meet Update

The basis of the report was that costs were up and the handle to date has been down from last year. Still having problems getting trainers to enter their horses, however, they are starting to get more.

8. Multnomah Greyhound Park Update

Carl Wilson reported total handle is down 7.4% from last year, live handle is down 15.6%, horse simulcast is up 2.1% and greyhound simulcast is up 31%. In addition, on track figures show the live handle is down 16.1% and attendance is down 11.1%. In working toward having a breakeven year, they have added the Gulf signal to their simulcast program as well as adding Tuesday simulcasting. MGP is exporting part of its live program to Biscayne and Gulf. Regarding off-track sites, they are seriously looking at closing some of the sites due to the fact handles are so low it doesn't cover costs to keep them open.

9. OQHRA Request to Distribute Breeders and One Percent Oregon-bred Owners Bonus Money from Portland Meadows 1994-95 Race Meet

Steve Barham recommended approval.

ACTION: MOTION (Rankins) Approve request.
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

10. Approval of Chemical Lab Contract

With four labs responding to the RFP, Steve Barham reported Truesdail Laboratories is the apparent winner of the contract. On June 5 and 6, Richard Reid, DVM, Steve Barham, Pete Roper, DVM and Guy DeLuca did an onsite visit at Truesdail. Steve Barham recommended the commission approve the contract and recommend to the Department of Administrative Services that they approve and award the contract to Truesdail Laboratories. The length of the contract is for two years with the option of a one-year extension.

ACTION: MOTION (Fine) Approve Truesdail Laboratories for the chemical lab contract and deligate to Steve Barham the authority to make approval recommendation to the Department of Administrative Services.
VOTE: 3 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Excused

11. Approval of Proposed Rule - OAR 462-50-530 - Distribution of Breakage and Owners' Bonuses in Cases of Cross Class Simulcasting of Out-of-State Races

It was decided this item would be continued to the July meeting.

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH WERE DISCUSSED:

1. Brad Higbee thanked everyone for their time and efforts on HB 3411.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.